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SUBJECT: JORDAN LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

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1. FIREARM IMPORTATION AND RETAIL SALE IS CLOSELY MONITORED IN JORDAN THROUGH LAWS, QUOTA SYSTEM AND SECURITY CHECKS ON DEALERS AND PURCHASERS. LAWS ARE EXPLICIT IN PROCEDURE AND ARE FOLLOWED CLOSELY.

2. IF LOCAL BUSINESSMAN OR FIRM WISHES BECOME DEALER, APPLICATION FOR LICENSE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. BACKGROUND CHECK WITH LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PUBLIC SECURITY DEPARTMENT, AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE ARE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE BONA FIDES OF INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM AS REGISTERED BUSINESS AND SECURITY RELIABILITY. AFTER ALL CHECKS COMPLETE AND ALL DEPARTMENTS APPROVE LICENSE IS ISSUED. LICENSES MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY THRU SAME PROCEDURES.

3. WHEN ORDERING FIREARMS LOCAL DEALERS SUBMIT ORDER TO REGISTERED COMMISSION AGENT OF MANUFACTURER, WHO IN TURN SUBMITS APPLICATION FOR IMPORT LICENSE TO IMPORT DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY. THERE IS QUOTA SYSTEM ESTABLISHED YEARLY BY GOJ, AND LOCAL DEALERS USUALLY BAND TOGETHER TO SHARE EQUALLY IN QUOTA. IMPORT DEPARTMENT AGAIN CHECKS WITH DEPARTMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE TO VALIDATE BONA FIDE OF COMMISSION AGENT AND ALL

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DEALERS IN WHOSE NAME AGENT HAS SUBMITTED APPLICATION. AFTER

ALL CHECKS COMPLETED IMPORT LICENSE IS GRANTED.

4. REF (B) AND (C) MAKE GOOD EXAMPLE OF CASE. LOCAL COMMISSION AGENT SUBMITTED APPLICATION IN NAME OF SOME 23 DEALERS FOR IMPORT LICENSE FOR LARGE QUANTITY OF WINCHESTER ARMS AND AMMO. QUANTITY REQUESTED WAS MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE UNDER ESTABLISHED QUOTA. IMPORT DEPARTMENT CHECKED THAT QUANTITY WAS WITHIN QUOTA, THAT COMMISSION AGENT WAS DULY REGISTERED AND THAT ALL DEALERS WERE DULY LICENSED. IMPORT LICENSE WAS THEN ISSUED. WHEN EMBASSY WAS ASKED TO CHECK BY DEPARTMENT (REF C) WE DETERMINED THAT ONE DEALER HAD NOT RENEWED LICENSE, AND WAS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ARMS.

5. WHEN MAKING LOCAL RETAIL SALE, DEALER MUST FILL OUT FORM CONTAINING SERIAL NUMBERS OF WEAPON OR WEAPONS, QUANTITY OF AMMO PURCHASED, NAME AND ADDRESS OF PURCHASER, AND INTENDED USE OF WEAPON. COPIES OF FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND APPROPRIATE SECURITY DEPARTMENTS.

6. WHEN ESTABLISHING YEARLY QUOTA, GOJ DETAILS WHICH TYPES OF WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED AS WELL AS QUANTITY. ONLY ALLOWABLE TYPES ARE HANDGUNS AND SMALL CALIBRE RIFLES FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION AND HUNTING PURPOSES.
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